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February 2025 Newsletter

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Hello February

Faith...

Join us for worship
Saturday at 5:00 PM Sunday at 9:30 AM

Worship Highlights

February 1st & 2nd (Holy Communion)	"Who Is This Jesus"
February 8th & 9th	"Let's Go Fishing"
February 15th & 16th	"Blessings and Curses"
February 22nd & 23rd	"Who Do You Love"



From the Pastor's Desk

FEBRUARY, 2025

[Jesus said] *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life..."* Mt. 6:25a NIV

The Rev. Dr. Terry Teykl is an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church and is a highly sought after teacher on prayer. Several years ago, he wrote, "Worry is active doubt in reverse of faith. When you worry you are actually meditating on the problem. Worry goes over and over every detail of our distress or need. Worry is a form of fear that will cause sleepless nights and dark days without much to smile about. Worst of all, it will keep you from the adventures God has planned for your life."

In Matthew 6:24-34 Jesus tells us to consider how God cares for the birds of the air and the lilies of the field, pointing out that if God so cares for these things, will not God also provide for our needs? Our heavenly Father knows exactly what we need, and he will help guide us into fulfilling those needs.

In an email article about worry, Teykl shares the following alternatives to worry:

1. *"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you"* (1 Peter 5:7). In other words, hand over your cares to the Lord. Let him have the load. If you trust God with your eternal salvation, doesn't it make sense that you can trust him with the burden you are carrying? It makes no sense to trust someone with your eternity and not trust him with daily cares.

2. *"Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart"* (Psalms 37:4). Instead of making the problem your focus, determine to make God your enjoyment and delight.

3. *"The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."* (Phil. 4:6) Make a list of things you are thankful for and crowd worry out of your thoughts.

4. *Jesus said "My peace I give you....Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid"* (John 14:27). You have a choice not to let...your heart be troubled or let yourself be afraid. Invite a peace take over. Relax and let Jesus reign.

5. *"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well"* (Matt. 6:33). Consider his bounty and meditate on his ability and his provision. When you remember all he has provided, your worries will pale in comparison.

6. *Pray, "Your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven"* (Matt. 6:10). Ask yourself, "What will this worry mean in heaven now and later?"

Worry takes the focus off of God and places it on the problem. When we focus on the problem (or anything) rather than God, our lives get out of balance. When we seek Jesus first and the kingdom of God, then all of the other things do fall into order. It's when we lose sight of God and our purpose that life starts to get out of balance, and worry can creep in. These six verses and suggestions from Dr. Teykl are great ways of helping us turn our attention back to the proper order of things and a way to make room for the Holy Spirit to work in us and bring to us the peace of Christ that will dispel the worry.

I remember reading about one of the popes of the Roman Catholic Church and how he would deal with the worries that would try to keep him awake at night. When having trouble going to sleep because of the great responsibility he was feeling/carrying as the head of the Roman Catholic Church, he would simply envision God asking him, "Whose Church is it?" to which the Pope would respond, "Yours Lord." To which God would say, "Then let me take care of it." Then the Pope would drift off to sleep. I hope you and I will let our Savior take care of us by leaving our worries at the foot of the cross.

*Serving Christ with you,
Pastor Pat*



Meeting Night

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

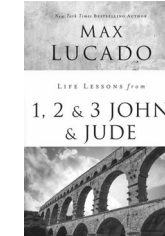
Committee Meeting begins at 6pm
Church Council Meeting begins at 7:15pm

Meetings in February



United
Women
in Faith

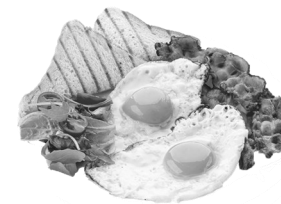
Meeting on Tuesday,
February 4th at 1:00pm



Wednesday in the Word
Every Wednesday
at 6:30pm beginning
February 5th



Homemakers Club
Thursday, February 6th at
11:30am



Men's Breakfast
at Eat 'n Park
February 8th at 8:00am



Evergreen Garden Club
Monday, February 17th
at 12:00 pm



Altadena United Methodist Church in Altadena, Calif., is reduced to rubble after the Palisades and Eaton fires swept through southern California. Experts warn that Los Angeles is not yet out of danger as the fires remain uncontained. Photo by the Rev. Garth Gilliam, district superintendent, California-Pacific Conference.

The sign still stands for Altadena United Methodist Church in Altadena, Calif., but not much else after wildfires devastated the area. Photo by the Rev. Garth Gilliam, district superintendent, California-Pacific Conference.

Smoke reaches high into the sky behind Hollywood United Methodist Church in Los Angeles. Photo courtesy of the Rev. Hannah Adair Bonner, Hollywood United Methodist Church.

United Methodists in southern California are opening their doors and doing what they can to help people displaced by the Los Angeles wildfires.

- At the same time, many United Methodists are grieving the loss of their homes and at least two churches' buildings.
- At this point, people outside the affected areas are encouraged to pray and give money to what will be a very long recovery process.

As wind-blown wildfires ravage Los Angeles County, United Methodists are doing what they can to offer shelter and address immediate needs.

They are also starting to count their own losses — which include the destruction of church members' homes and the buildings of at least two United Methodist churches.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life, and I've been through two earthquakes and other fires," said the Rev. Garth Gilliam, superintendent of the California-Pacific Conference's North District. "I've never seen the vast scope of blocks and blocks of homes just gone."

Since Jan. 7, firefighters in southern California have been battling to control a series of major fires, fueled by dry conditions and fanned by ferocious Santa Ana winds. They include the Palisades firestorm close to the California coast, the Eaton fire north of Pasadena, the Hurst fire in the San Fernando Valley and the Sunset fire in Hollywood Hills.

The flames already have consumed thousands of structures across more than 50 square miles. Roughly 400,000 California customers have experienced power outages, and more than 180,000 people have needed to evacuate. At least 10 people have died. New conflagrations are still igniting. Meanwhile, the California-Pacific Conference — which encompasses United Methodist churches and ministries in the region — is already feeling the impact of the blaze.

On Jan. 8, flames engulfed the buildings of both Altadena United Methodist Church, north of Pasadena, and Community United Methodist Church of Pacific Palisades. At least five other United Methodist churches also were under evacuation orders.

The Rev. John Shaver of Community United Methodist and the Rev. Paige Eaves, the assistant to the bishop, have both lost their homes, [the conference reported in its Jan. 9 update](#). Conference leaders expect many more church members also have lost their homes.

The conference also said that Church of the Foothills in Duarte and other church buildings have sustained damage from the strong winds. Los Angeles meteorologists have measured wind gusts up to 75 miles per hour this week. That's the strength of a Category 1 hurricane.

Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank, who leads the conference, has been offering daily updates and sharing her prayers.

"I am praying for you, bringing you before God, our Creator, saying, 'I know who you are. ... The United Methodists are people who do the work during times like this and care for each other,'" Escobedo-Frank said [in a Jan. 8 video message](#).

"So don't give up. Go ahead and grieve. Feel all the feels. And then continue to do the work of sharing meals, opening homes and being Christ's avenue of love in this day."

For the full story, go to: <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/united-methodists-see-loss-offer-relief-as-wildfires-rage>

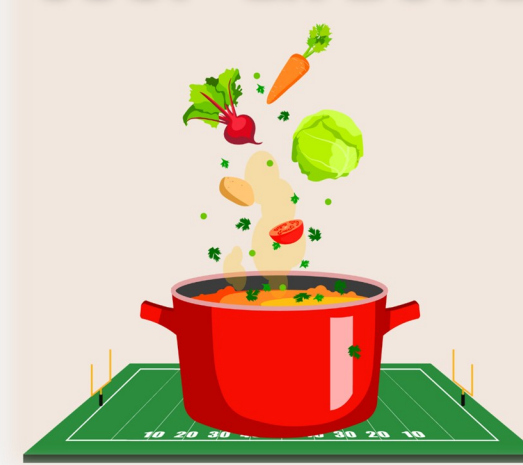
Mission Committee

Many thanks to those who participated with their time, talent and treasure to produce *200 hygiene kits* January 18 & 19! While we followed an UMCOR "formula" the kits are being distributed in our local community to those in need through the Salvation Army and the Chevy Chase Community Center.



STAY TUNED

SOUP-ER BOWL



ICCAP 30th Annual 'Souper Bowl Sunday'
Sunday, February 9th, 2025

All proceeds will benefit the ICCAP Food Bank

Host a food drive, collect monetary funds or have a special collection plate during church service.

Donations for Souper Bowl Sunday can be mailed to:
ICCAP "Souper Bowl" Sunday
P.O. Box 187, 827 Water Street
Indiana, PA 15701

Checks made payable to: The ICCAP Food Bank
Please put 'Souper Bowl' in the memo portion of check.

As we approach the close of another year, we are filled with gratitude for the countless lives touched by the ministry of Camp Allegheny. This past year has been an incredible journey of growth, transformation, and spiritual renewal, and it would not have been possible without your faithful support and prayers. In recent years you were able to give a year end donation of \$ 500. This gift made a significant and meaningful difference to this ministry. Are you able to match this again?



Throughout the year, we've witnessed campers, families, and retreat guests encounter the love of Christ in profound ways. From the joyful laughter of children experiencing camp for the first time to the quiet moments of reflection and prayer on our serene grounds, God's presence has been felt in every corner of Camp Allegheny.

We've seen:

- **Young hearts opened** to the message of the Gospel through our summer camp programs.
- **Families strengthened** as they've come together for retreats and experienced the power of community and fellowship.
- **Individuals transformed** by the quiet time away from the busyness of life, finding renewal and drawing closer to God.



A couple parents shared the following:

"It is always an amazing experience for my girls. What a difference in their attitudes and their faith. I think my favorite part of the week is the end where all the kids are so excited singing and dancing...just praising Jesus!"

"I've noticed my daughter, who dislikes reading, reading her Bible in her bed. You must be doing something!"



Summer Camp Discounts!
You can register and take advantage of these great discounts TODAY!
Summer will be here before we know it! Like many, we are dreaming of the warm sun, nights around the fire, and a lot of fun! We are spending the winter preparing for a GREAT summer for all of our campers. Make sure you get your camper registered, so they don't miss out on what could be the best week of their summer! To top it off we have 3 great discount opportunities that you can take advantage of RIGHT NOW, no more waiting around to see if a discount will come. You can see all of our discounts below, as well as on our website!

50% OFF SECOND WEEK OF CAMP
Bring a Friend
SIBLING DISCOUNT

WE APPRECIATE YOU!!
REST. RELAX. RECHARGE.
Pastors, this one is just for you!

Counselor in Training
Do you want to be like your camp counselor? Are you ready to take your next step to grow as a leader at camp?

Let camp meet your class!
Leave the classroom and head to camp where learning and fun meet! Come join us at Camp Allegheny to have a day full of fun!

When will we see you in 2025?
Be on the lookout for all of these exciting events happening here on the mountain!



But the work is not finished. We celebrated our 75th summer of ministry this year. There are still many more lives to be reached, and we need your help to continue offering these life-changing experiences for another 75 years. Your year-end gift will help us:

- **Expand our outreach** to underserved communities, offering scholarships for campers who would otherwise not be able to attend.
- **Maintain and improve** our facilities, ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for all who visit.
- **Support our dedicated staff** who work tirelessly to share the love of Christ with everyone who steps foot on our campus.



As we reflect on God's faithfulness this past year, we invite you to be a part of the incredible work He is doing through Camp Allegheny. Your donation, no matter the size, will make a difference and help us continue this important ministry into the new year.

This Christmas season, please prayerfully consider making a year-end donation to Camp Allegheny. The gift you provide is more important than ever. We experienced substantial cost increases this year from government mandated regulations, insurance premium increases along with a significant reduction of conference support.

You can give securely online at www.campallegheny.org or use the enclosed envelope to mail in a check. Every gift helps us bring more people closer to Christ.

Thank you for being a vital part of our mission. We pray that you and your loved ones experience the peace, joy, and hope that come through Christ this holiday season.

Peace and Joy,

Dennis D. Tawney
Dennis D. Tawney CCD
President/CEO



1

Finish the slogan: 'There's no wrong way to eat a _____'.

1. Twix
2. Reese's
3. Butterfinger

2

What do the M's in M&M's stand for?

1. Melt in Mouth
2. Mars & Murrie
3. Moon & Mars

3

Which candy company produced the 'You're Not You When You're Hungry' ads?

1. Twix
2. Snickers
3. Mars

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

4

Which country consumes the highest amount of candy per capita?

1. The United States
2. Spain
3. Germany

5

What is candy referred to as in the UK?

1. Jellies
2. Lollies
3. Sweets

6

Which candy does the slogan 'taste the rainbow' belong to?

1. M&Ms
2. Starbursts
3. Skittles

Upcoming Events in February



Indiana/Johnstown District Clergy Meeting And Trustees Training

(Clergy) Saturday, February 1st at 10:00 am
(Trustees) Saturday, February 1st at 1:00pm

United Women in Faith

Tuesday, February 4th at 1:00 pm

Wednesday in the Word

Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm
Beginning February 5th

Homemakers Club

Thursday, February 6th at 11:30 am

Special Charge Conference

Sunday, February 9th at 10:40am

ICCAP Food Distribution

Tuesday, February 11th at 7:30 am

Meeting Night

Tuesday, February 11th
Committees at 6:00 pm
Council at 7:15 pm

Evergreen Garden Club

Monday, February 17th at 12:00pm

UM Foundation Workshop

Wednesday, February 19th at 11:00am

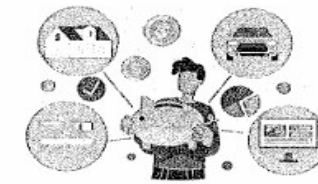
American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, February 24th at 12:00 pm

Basic Financial Literacy

for personal, household use

FREE Classes – including instruction and materials



FREE Classes – including instruction and materials

Four 90-minute sessions at *Trinity United Methodist Church, 398 Church Street & School Street-Parking lot entrance, Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm-8:00pm – March 25, April 1, 15 and 22nd.*
Must pre-register with *Trinity United Methodist Church at 724-465-2015 to attend*

Building Wealth

Text provided along with numerous handouts on a variety of personal finance topics...looking to help you become a:
* Diligent Earner * Generous Giver * Wise Saver and Investor
* Cautious Debtor * Prudent Spender

Session One

A look at attitudes towards money, becoming more familiar with the "language" of finances, some techniques for budgeting and setting financial goals

Session Two

More about money management tools and techniques, checking, and savings accounts, saving money, a little on retirement finances, compound interest you earn, and the Rule of 72, and your income

Session Three

A look at debt and credit, good and bad debt, credit reports, credit scores, debt management and reduction, and how a lender looks at granting credit, the "dispute process" for financial transactions

Session Four

A look at common types of personal insurance and some terms within the insurance industry, basic types and terms of investing in stocks, bonds, mutual funds and exchange traded funds directed primarily towards retirement

Don't miss out on this 'priceless' opportunity!!!
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Register TODAY!



Ushers for February 2025



Gary Grindle
Lynn Grindle
Ron Kuzemchak
Greg Magas/Ron Simkins



Sunday School for all ages
begins each week at 10:45 am

*In the spirit of giving,
we thank you for
your generosity!*

Online giving is available at
<https://trinitychurchindiana.com/give>

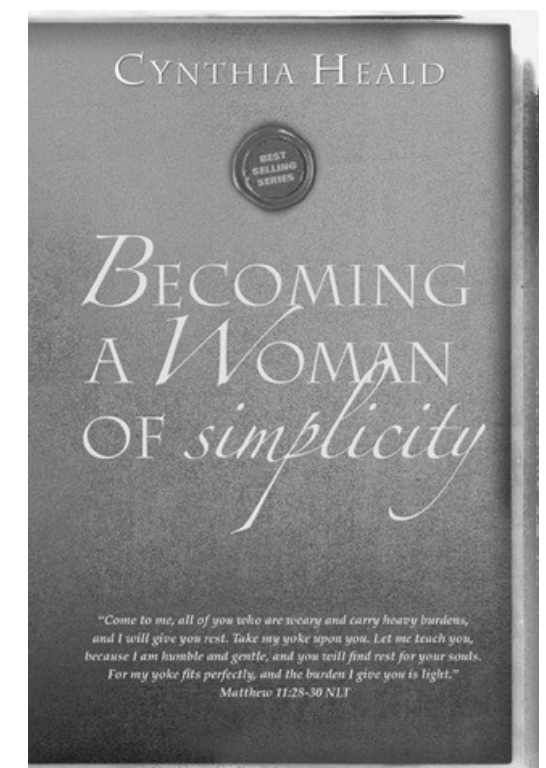


Trinity's messages and special music will continue each Sunday on Facebook.

Monday Morning Bible Study

I am not even going to ask you if you are ready for Spring. I think I know the answer. However, it has been a beautiful season of winter. All of this snow reminds me that through the sacrifice of Jesus, we have been washed whiter than snow. Monday, March 3, 2025, will offer an opportunity for our Bible study fellowship to restart. We will be using Becoming a Woman of Simplicity by Cynthia Heald. A copy of the book, along with the signup sheet, will be on the passthrough window counter. If you signed up at the end of the Advent study, you are good to go.

Please pray for this study as well as the women who will be joining us.





CHURCH TRUSTEES TRAINING

Navigating Ministry Challenges Together

The WPA Conference Board of Trustees presents an invigorating training session aimed at empowering Clergy, Local Church Trustees, District Trustees, and District Boards of Location and Building. Dive into the ever-evolving landscape of ministry and governance, where we'll tackle essential topics such as:

- Property use
- Insurance
- New Living and Working Conditions of the Pastor
- New parsonage inspection form

TRAINING SCHEDULE
10:00 AM-12:00 PM - Clergy
1:00-3:00 PM - Local Church Trustees

You'll gain insights and explore resources for the unique questions and circumstances your church may face. Beyond knowledge-sharing, the WPAUMC Board of Trustees hopes to cultivate a thriving network of communication and collaboration, enhancing our collective ministry efforts for today and the future.

Come prepared with questions and an open mind, as we unite to strengthen our ministries' foundation. To help facilitate our time together, please provide a question that you would like to have answered during the training. Register today and be a part of the movement towards a more interconnected and empowered church leadership!

Four and More Tools for Generosity Today - Trinity UMC Indiana



The *Four and More Tools for Generosity Today* workshop is designed to provide you with a snapshot of today's giving environment in a post covid world. Also discussed will be reasons people give and do not give as an expression of their generosity. Additionally, quick tips will be provided on how to increase your annual giving up to 15-18 percent. Finally, a glimpse into planned giving and how it can help fund ministry for the future. There is no cost for this event. Lunch will be provided.

Date: February 19th

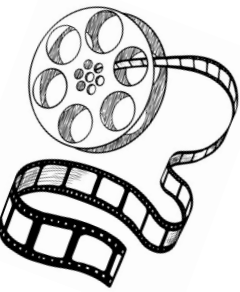
Time: 11:00 A.M. – 1:30P.M.

Location: Trinity UMC Indiana, 398 Church Street, Indiana, PA 15701

To register, please visit: <https://umfwpa-reg.brapp.com/GenerosityTodayWPA>



Whose Up for a Movie Night in February??
Stay tuned for more details!!



April 25-27 2025
 \$250/person

Spring Women's Retreat
Being Still In A World That Never Stops

Retreat Leader: Grace Lenox

Olmsted Manor Retreat Center
 17 East Main St
 Ludlow, PA 16333
 814-945-6512
 olmstedmanor.org



Saint Andrew's Friends of the Village
Meeting on Wednesday, February 5th, 2025 at 3:30pm



Friends of the Village is a dedicated group of community members who have always been the heart and soul of our fundraising efforts, and we are eager to bring it back to life as we work together to raise funds for our beloved community space.

We are reaching out to invite you to be a part of this exciting new chapter. Whether you're interested in brainstorming fundraising ideas, volunteering your time, or offering your expertise in event planning, there are many ways you can get involved. Your passion and commitment have always been key to our success, and with your support, we can continue to make a lasting impact.

On February 5th at 3:30pm, we'll be holding an informational meeting to discuss our goals, plans, and how we can work together to raise the funds needed to maintain and improve our space. We'd love to have you there, and we hope to gather a dedicated group of individuals who are eager to jump back into action.

If you are interested in joining the Friends of the Village or would like more information about how you can help, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our village community. We look forward to reconnecting and building something great together!

Warm Regards,

Brianna Geist, Community Life Director at Saint Andrew's Village
724-464-1626 or bgeist@psl.org



We Love Vacation Bible School!

Join Us
this Summer

**Trinity UMC's Vacation Bible School is set for
June 16th-June 20th, 2025
Volunteers are needed!
Look for sign up sheets in the future**



**Coming in February...the return of a favorite giving opportunity for
Lifeway Pregnancy Center...baby bottles!**

The empty bottles will be made available the first Sunday in **February 2**
(also Groundhog Day!) and should be returned Sunday **February 23rd**.
Fill your bottle with loose change, coin, currency, checks or any or all of these options.



Happy Shrove Tuesday
Tuesday, March 4th, 2025

Pancakes and sausage will be on the menu!

Volunteers needed!

Easter Egg Hunt

April 19th 10:00am—Noon

Candy donations and volunteers needed!





February 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Indiana/Johnstown District Clergy Meeting— 10am-12pm Trustees Training— 1-3pm Worship—5:00pm
2 Worship - 9:30am Sunday School - 10:45am	3 Dawn/Sheila Reservation 5:00-7:30 pm (Bishop Hall/kitchen) Girl Scouts—6:00pm (Chapel)	4 United Women in Faith—1:00pm	5 Wednesday in the Word-6:30pm	6 Homemaker's Club at 11:30am Choir Practice-7pm	7 Pickleball—6:00pm	8 Men's Breakfast at Eat 'n Park 8:00am Worship—5:00pm
9 Worship - 9:30am Special Charge Conference— 10:40am Sunday School - 10:45am	10	11 ICCAP Food Distribution—7:30am Meeting Night Committees-6:00pm Council-7:15pm	12 Wednesday in the Word-6:30pm	13 Choir Practice-7pm	14  Valentine's Day Pickleball—6:00pm	15 Worship - 5:00pm
16 Worship - 9:30am Sunday School - 10:45am	17 Evergreen Garden Club-12:00pm President's Day Girl Scouts-6:00pm	18	19 UMC Foundation Workshop 11:00am-1:30pm Wednesday in the Word-6:30pm	20 Choir Practice-7pm	21 Pickleball—6:00pm	22 Worship - 5:00pm
23 Worship - 9:30am Sunday School - 10:45am	24 Red Cross Blood Drive 12:00-6:00pm	25	26 Wednesday in the Word-6:30pm	27 Choir Practice-7pm	28 Pickleball—6:00pm	